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The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program (TEPP) is pleased to announce the release of the 2008 Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training (MERRTT). This revision replaces the 2005 MERRTT CD-ROM set. As required by the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act, the 2008 MERRTT has been sent to the Occupational, Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for review.

The 2008 version of MERRTT includes several enhancements, but the primary enhancement is the addition of the decontamination dress-down video. Comments received on the decontamination video script in the fall 2006 were incorporated into the script and the filming and final editing were completed in the spring 2007. The decontamination video was added to MERRTT to support the students' understanding of the decontamination dress-down process at an accident scene. Additional enhancements included the streamlining of objectives from the Terminology & Units and Assessing Package Integrity modules into other existing modules. This streamlining resulted in a reduced number of modules (MERRTT now has 16 modules instead of 18). Although nothing was removed from a content/objective perspective, the merging of two modules, the addition of several textbook practical exercise, and moving two of the four hands-on activities to day one has improved the flow and timing of the training program. Also, several formatting changes were made to the student information form. These changes were necessary to comply with continuing education hour accreditation requirements with the Continue Education Credit Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS).

To assist us in maintaining a record of persons/agencies using MERRTT to train responders, please complete the online Instructor Information Form which can be found at http://www.merrtt.com/instructor_info.html. If you are no longer responsible for training program delivery, please let us know and provide us with an appropriate contact if available.

In an effort to expedite the delivery and reduce implementation costs of the 2008 MERRTT, we have established a web link where instructors with a high speed internet connection can download the full MERRTT two CD-ROM set. If you do not have a high speed connection, you may elect to receive a copy of the CD-ROM set by mail. To obtain a copy of the 2008 MERRTT CD-ROM set by mail, complete the online Instructor Information Form and your MERRTT CD-ROM set will be mailed within 2 weeks. To download the 2008 MERRTT from the web link, complete the Instructor Information Form and follow the download instructions. For security and cost reasons the MERRTT download web link will only be active for 60 days. Upon receipt or download of the 2008 MERRTT, please discard the 2005 training material and replace the old training materials with the new CD-ROM set.

If you have any questions about this 2008 revision, or any other aspect of TEPP, please contact me at (301) 903-7284.

Sincerely,

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